

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1723 - SB 2006**

February 19, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a local education agency (LEA) to allow a student's parent or legal guardian to check out, from the student's school, one set of the instructional materials used in the classroom of the parent's or legal guardian's student for a period of no less than 48 hours to allow the parent or legal guardian to inspect the materials. Authorizes a school to charge fees and costs to the parent or legal guardian for instructional materials checked out of the school by the parent or legal guardian that are not timely returned or are damaged. Authorizes an LEA to withhold grade cards, diplomas, certificates of progress, or transcripts of the parent's or legal guardian's student if any fees or costs charged by the school are not paid.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,777,000/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years\***

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation requires LEAs to have additional sets of instructional materials available at each school within the LEA that can be accessed and checked out from the school by a student's parent or guardian.
- It is assumed that LEAs purchase only enough sets of instructional materials to accommodate each student, plus a small amount of surplus instructional materials to account for fluctuation in annual enrollment numbers.
- It is further assumed that LEAs do not have a sufficient inventory of available instructional materials for each subject and grade level that could be checked out from the school for review.
- LEAs will be required to purchase additional instructional materials and each LEA will determine the amount of inventory deemed to sufficient to meet the interest in inspecting instructional materials, which will vary by school.
- There are 147 LEAs and approximately 1,777 kindergarten through twelve public schools across the state. The average cost of a textbook is estimated to be \$100.
- It is assumed that at a minimum, each school will on average be required to purchase ten additional textbooks each year in order to comply with the proposed legislation.
- The total mandatory increase in local expenditures is estimated to exceed \$1,777,000 (1,777 x 10 x \$100) in FY22-23 and subsequent years.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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